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A full-page comic book illustration. In the foreground, Sonic the Hedgehog is running towards the right, looking back over his shoulder with a determined expression. He is wearing his signature blue fur, white gloves, and red shoes with white laces. His right leg is lifted, and his left leg is planted on the ground, kicking up a small cloud of dust. In the background, a small town with a prominent church steeple sits atop a hill. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A large, multi-armed flying robot with a blue body and red wings is in the upper right, with several small black spheres falling from it. The overall style is classic comic book art with bold lines and vibrant colors.

WHOEVER  
IS ORGANIZING  
EGGMAN'S ROBOTS  
IS REALLY STEPPING  
UP THEIR  
GAME.

I HOPE  
I'M NOT TOO  
LATE!





IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH FIGHTING OFF THIS ARMY ON MY OWN.

MAYBE AMY WAS RIGHT...I COULD USE THE RESISTANCE'S HELP ON THIS ONE.

THEN AGAIN, THE RESISTANCE ISN'T ALREADY HERE. MAYBE WORD HASN'T REACHED THEM YET?

IN THAT CASE, IF I WAS WITH THEM, I NEVER WOULD'VE KNOWN ABOUT THIS ATTACK.

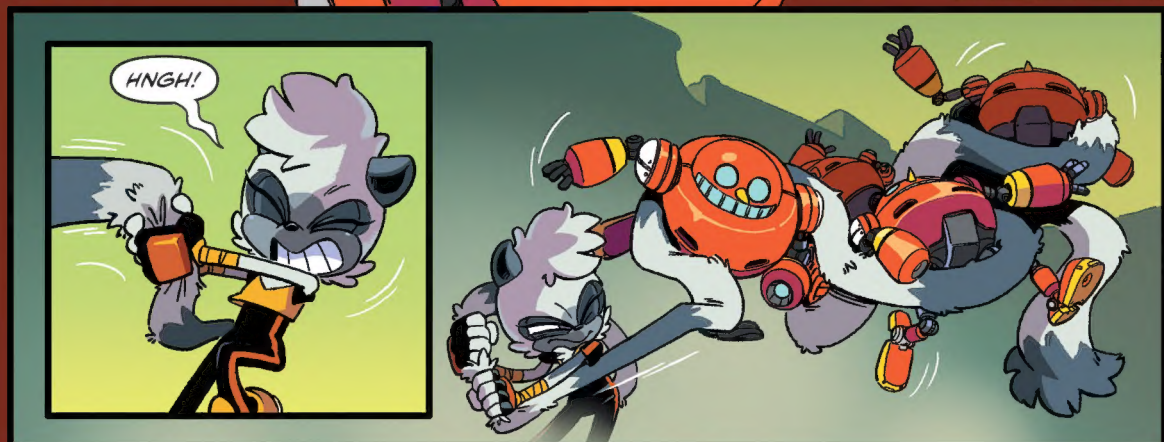


NO TIME FOR SECOND-GUESSING. BASH THE BOTS. SAVE THE TOWN. KEEP IT SIMPLE.



...SOMEBODY'S HERE?

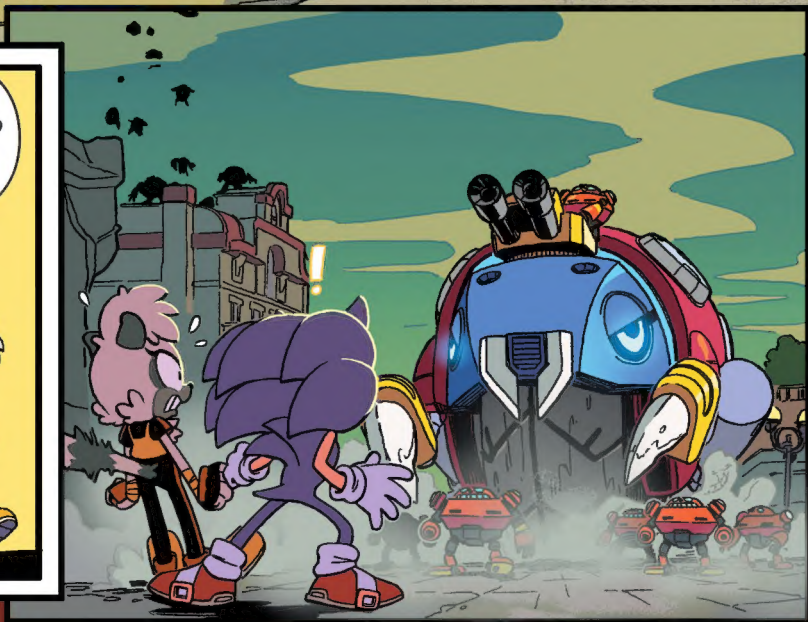
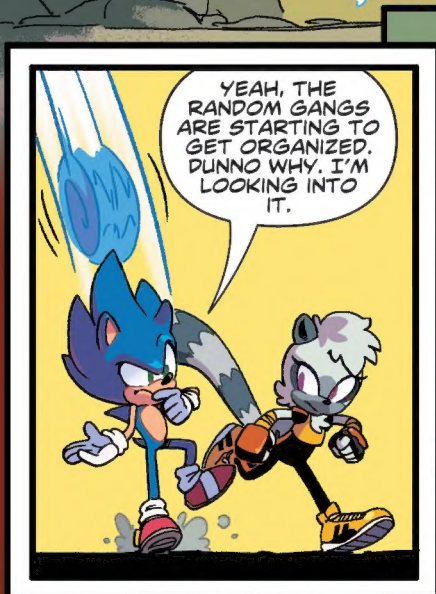
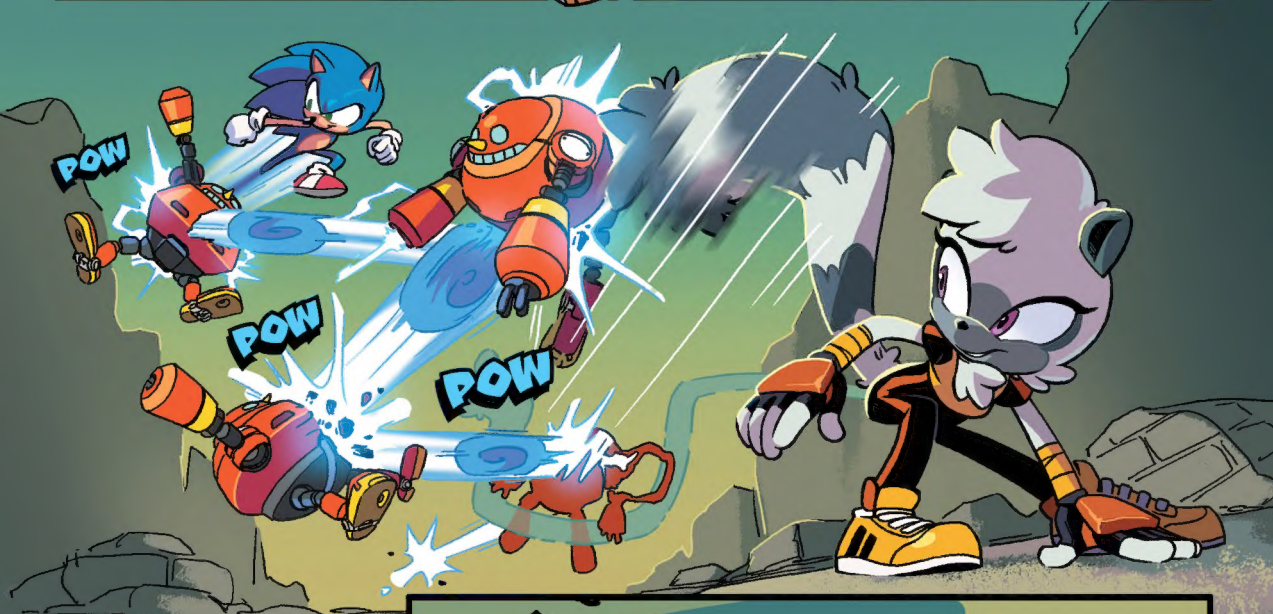
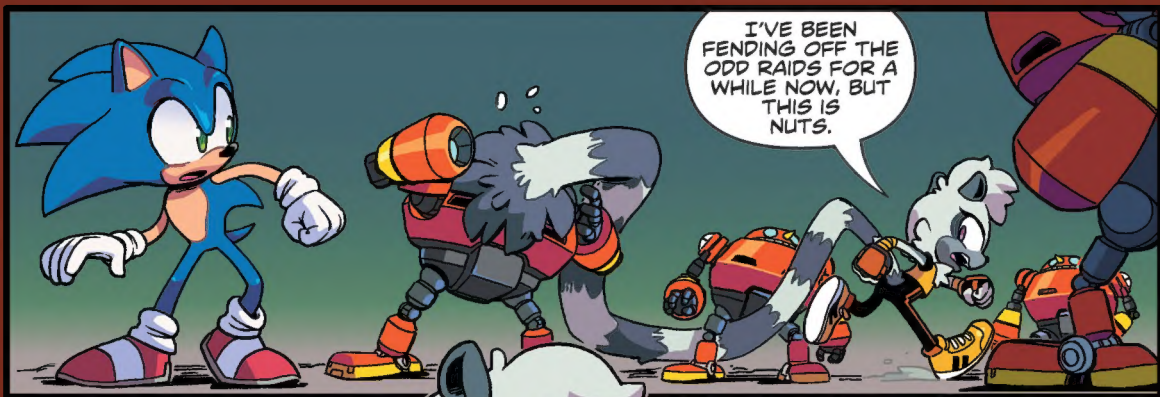




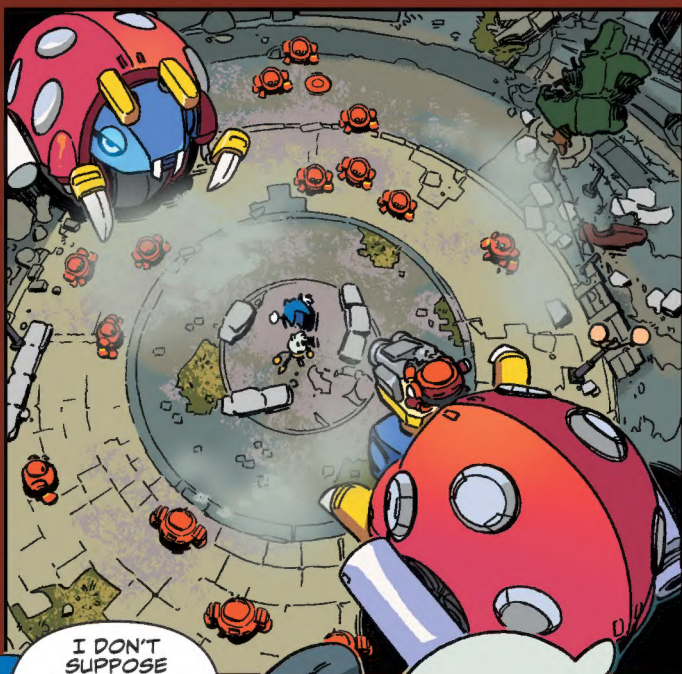












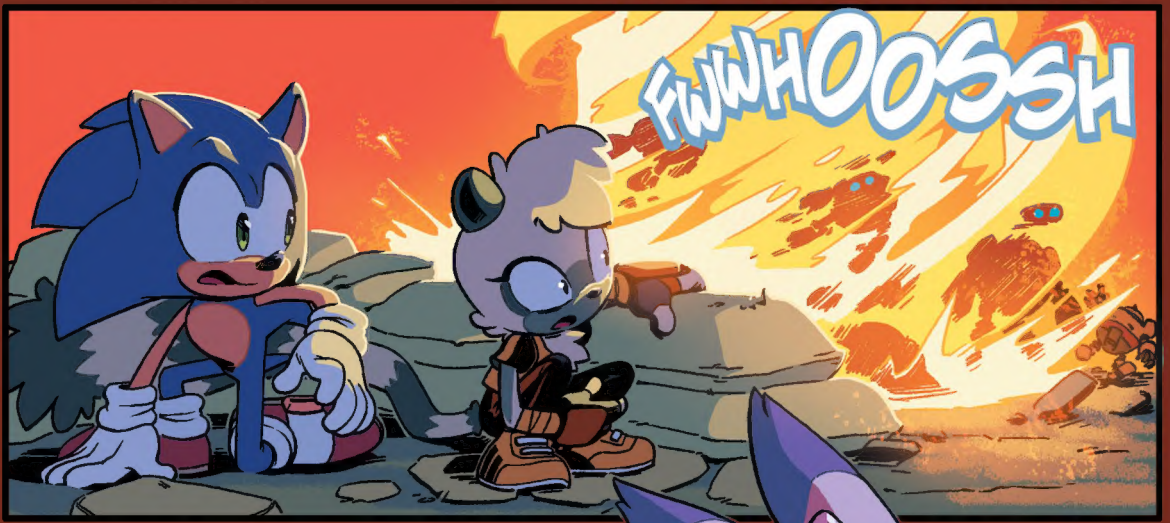
I DON'T  
SUPPOSE  
YOU'RE THE  
ADVANCE GUARD  
FOR THE  
RESISTANCE?

PRETTY  
SURE THEY'RE  
ALL BUSY WITH  
SIMILAR ATTACKS  
ELSEWHERE.

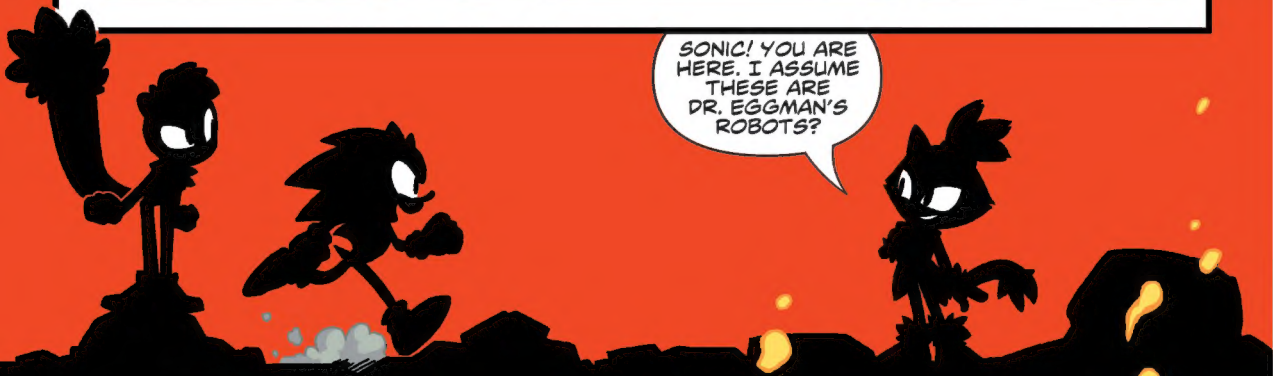
LOVELY.  
SO...SPLIT  
THEM 50/  
50?

IF  
YOU CAN  
KEEP UP,  
SURE.

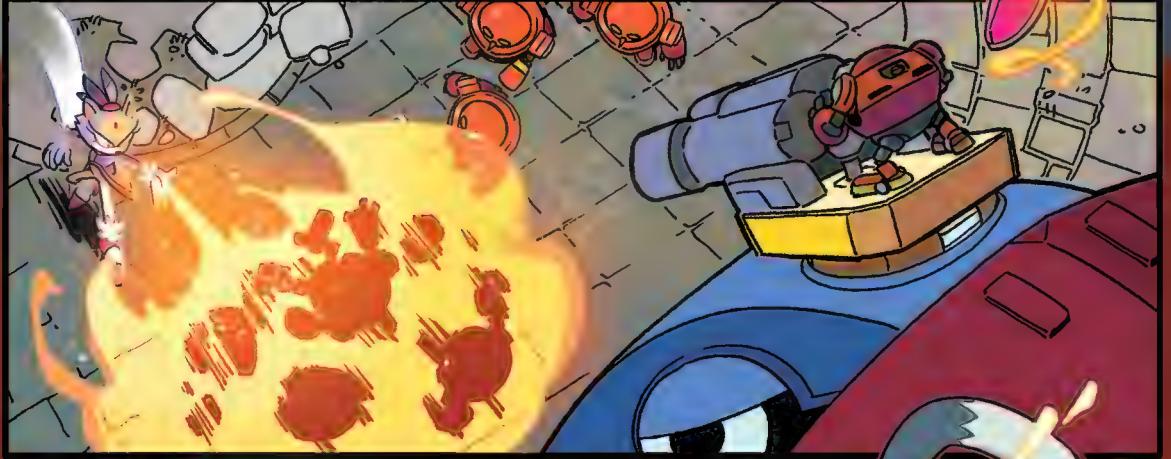
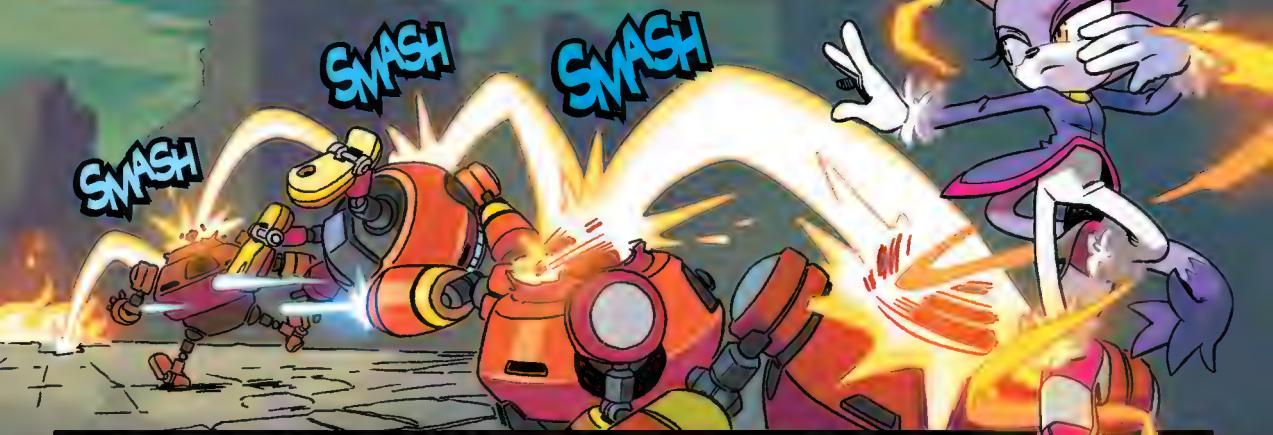




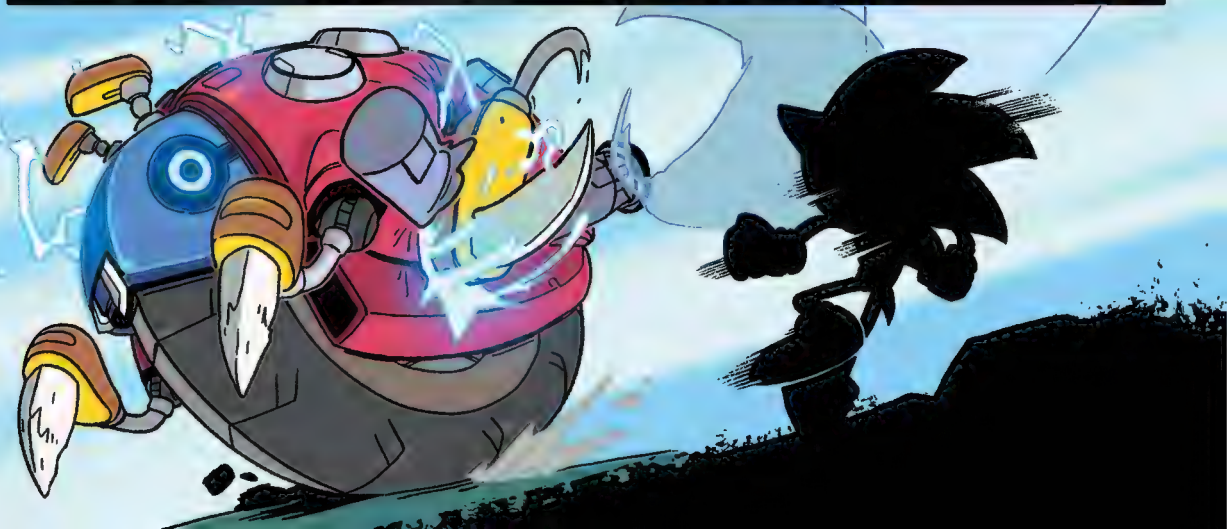
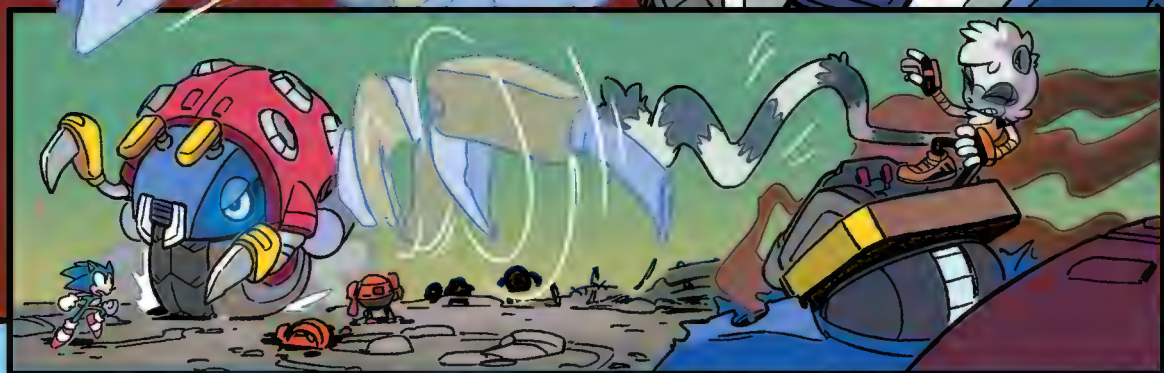
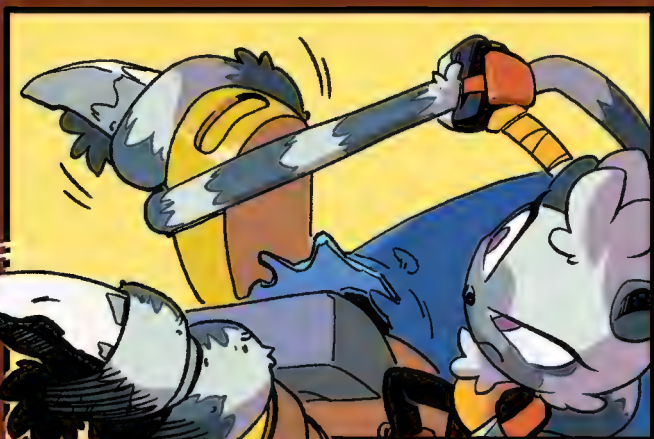




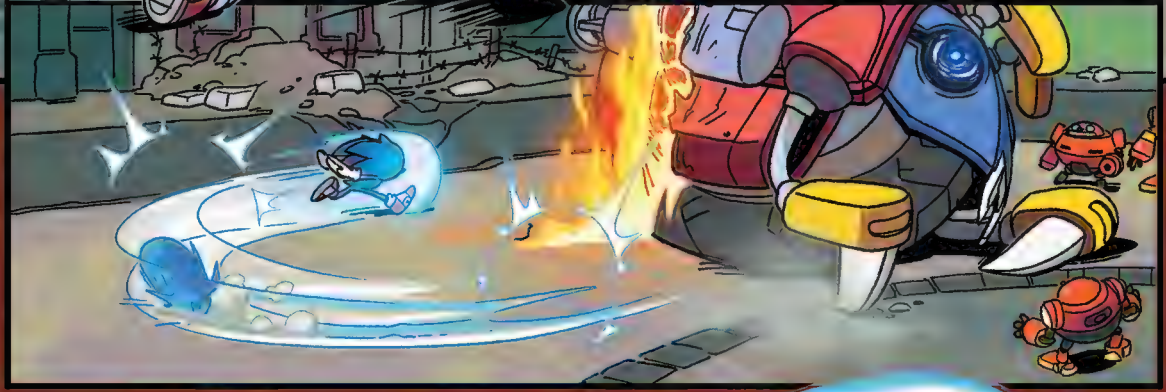
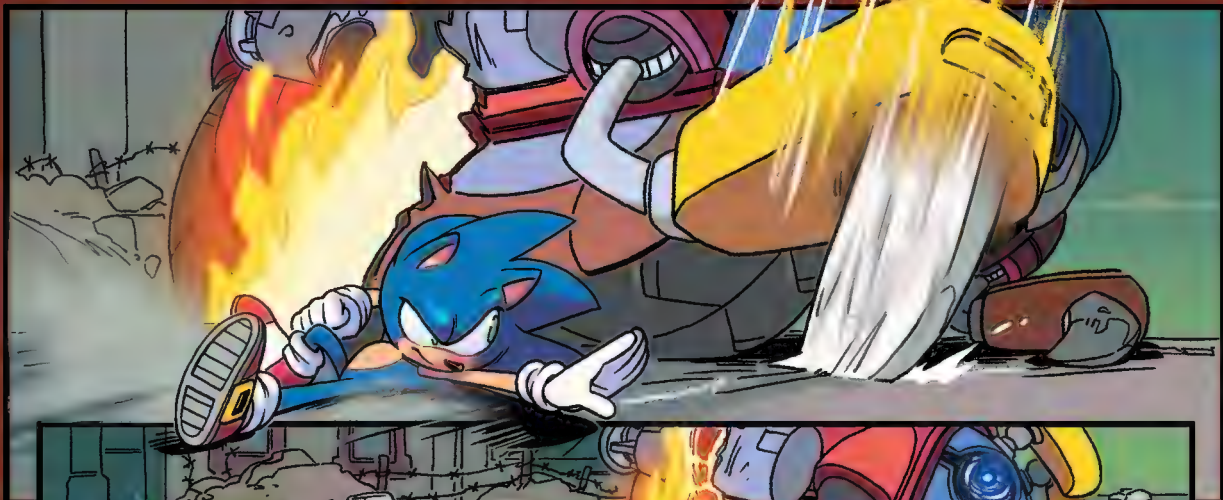
















I'M AFRAID  
THE THREE OF  
US ARE NOT  
ENOUGH.

REGARDLESS,  
THEY'RE REFILLING  
THEIR RANKS  
FASTER THAN WE  
CAN DISPOSE OF  
THEM.

THE  
TOWN  
MILITIA'S  
OUT THERE  
TOO.



THEY'RE  
ALL COMING  
FROM THAT  
BATTLESHIP. NOT  
LONG AGO, IT FLEW  
IN AND HAS BEEN  
DROPPING ROBOTS  
SINCE.



A LITTLE  
BEEFIER THAN  
THE DROP SHIP  
AMY AND I TOOK  
OUT. BLAZE, CAN  
YOU MAKE IT UP  
THERE?

IT'S TOO  
HIGH. IT'S  
COMPLETELY  
OUT OF RANGE  
FOR ME.

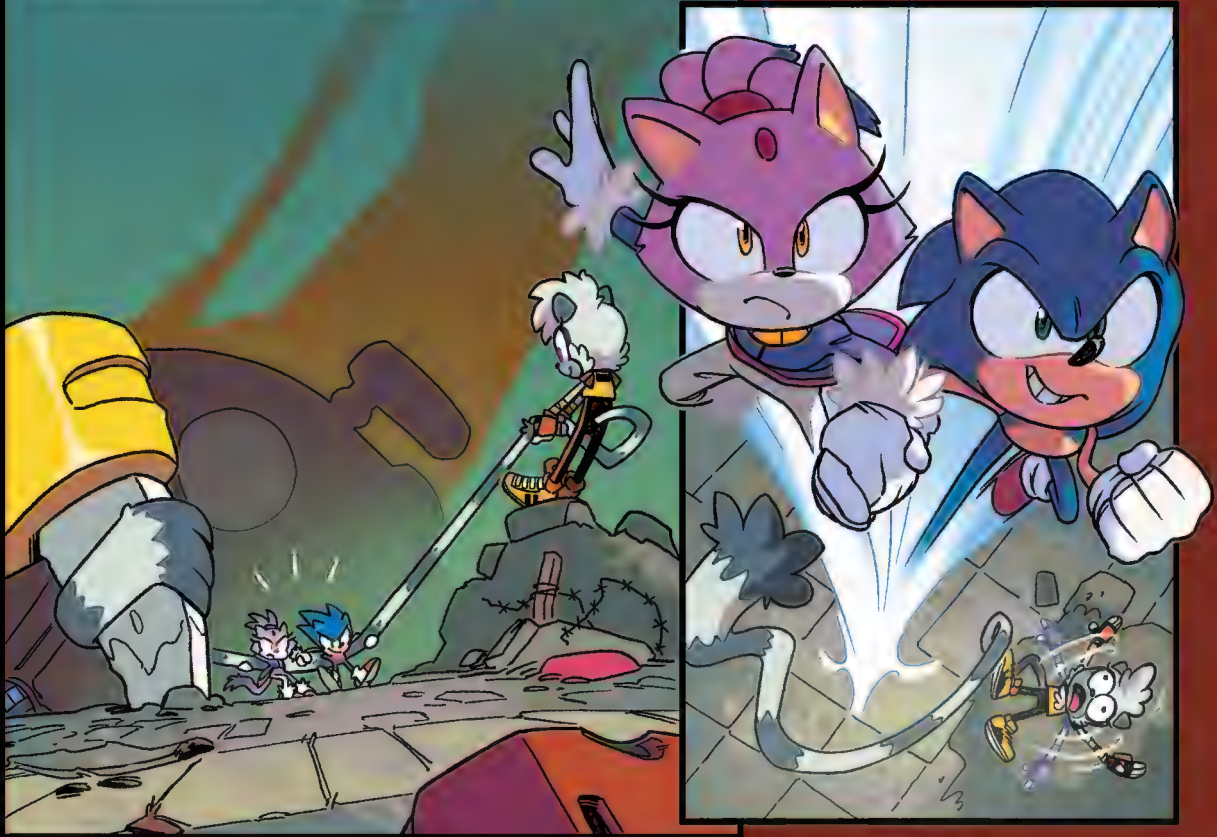


I KNOW  
WE ALL  
JUST MET,  
BUT...

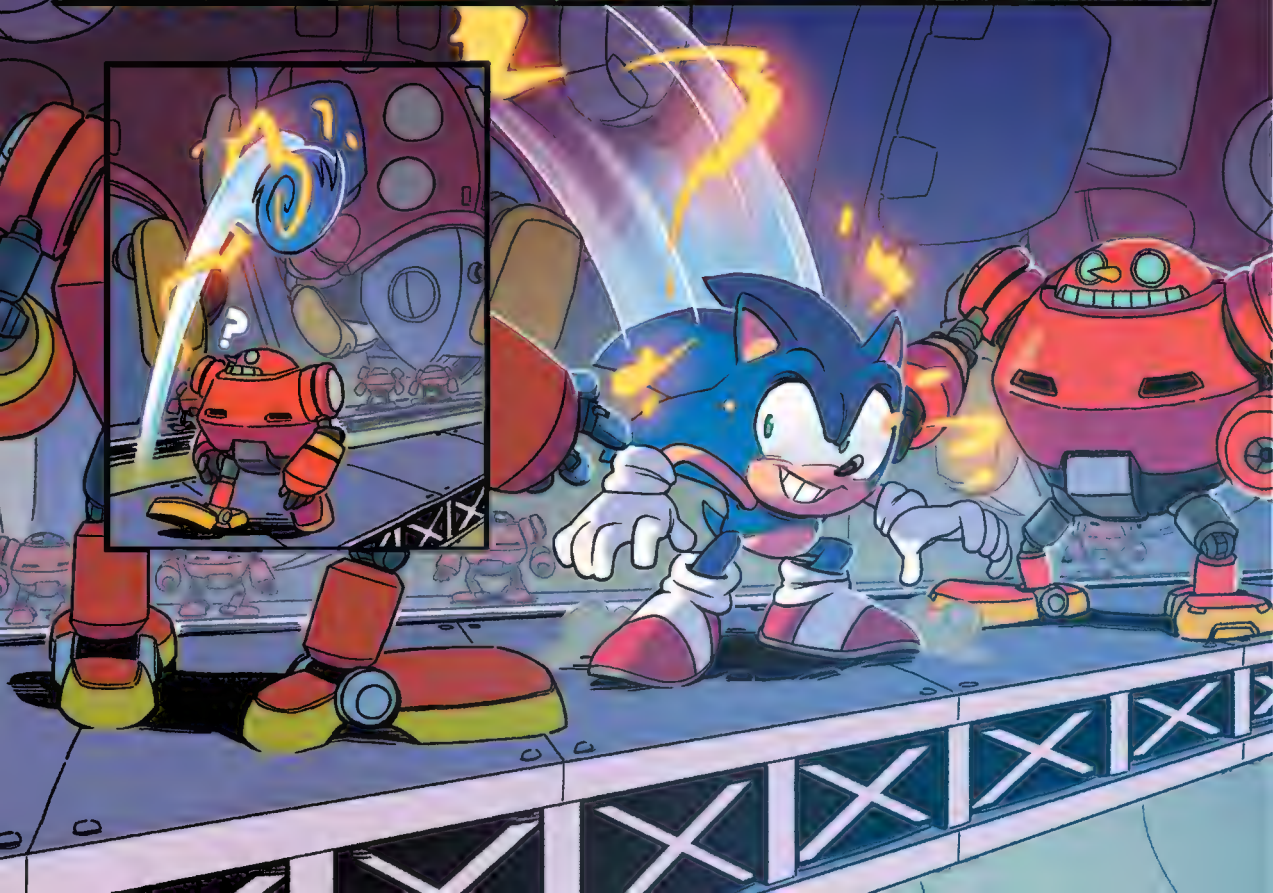
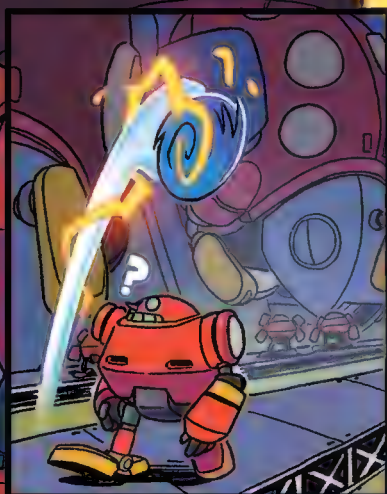


...HOP  
ON?





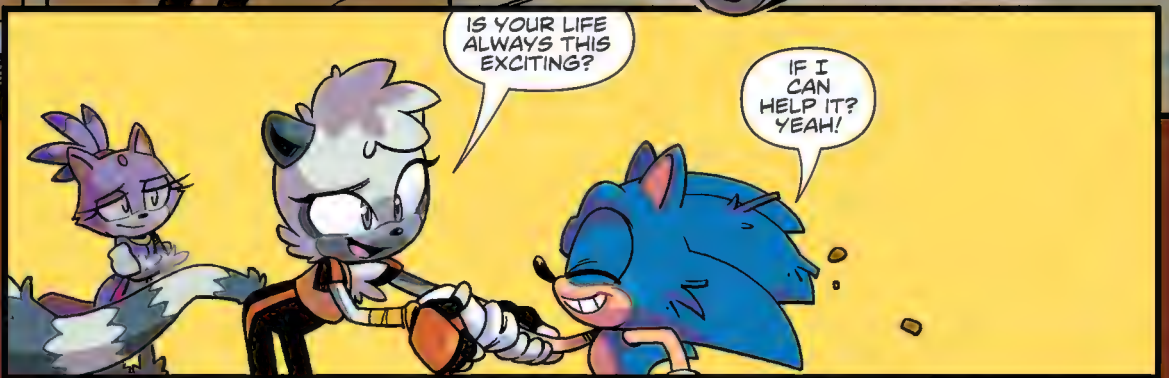
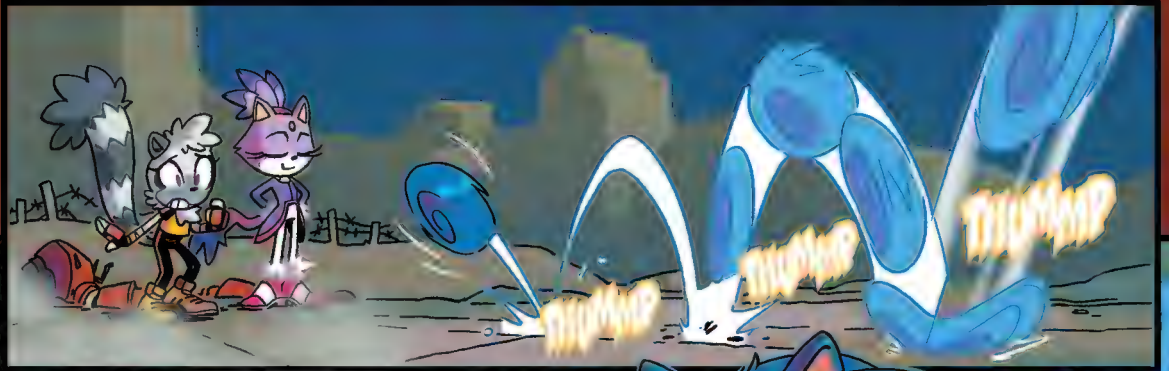














RIGHT, SO,  
INTRODUCTIONS!

BLAZE,  
THIS IS  
TANGLE.  
SHE'S A  
LOCAL.

TANGLE,  
THIS IS BLAZE.  
SHE'S A PRINCESS  
FROM ANOTHER  
DIMENSION  
AND GUARDIAN  
OF THE SOL  
EMERALDS.

THEY'RE  
LIKE CHAOS  
EMERALDS,  
BUT  
FIERY.



HAHA-  
YEAH,  
OKAY.

THANKS FOR  
SAVING MY  
HOME, YOUR  
HIGHNESS.

YOU  
ARE WELCOME.  
AND PLEASE,  
JUST CALL ME  
"BLAZE."

I'M ALWAYS  
HAPPY TO SEE  
YOU, BUT  
WHAT'S THE  
OCCASION?

I FELT  
THE WILL  
OF THE SOL  
EMERALDS. I'VE  
COME TO PREVENT  
A TERRIBLE  
EVENT ON YOUR  
WORLD.

HA! NO  
OFFENSE,  
BUT YOU'RE  
ABOUT SEVEN  
MONTHS  
LATE.











ELSEWHERE...

IT'S  
LATE. IT'S  
TIME TO  
COME  
IN.

BUH-  
BUH-BUT  
IT'S BUSTED!  
I C-C-CAN'T  
CARRY IT  
INSIDE!



OH-HO-HO...  
DON'T YOU WORRY,  
LITTLE ONE. I'LL FIX  
YOUR LITTLE RED  
WAGON.

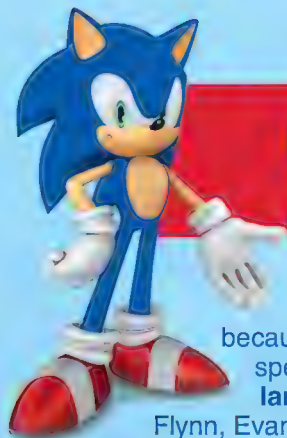
SOON, I'LL  
BE FIXING  
EVERY-  
THING!

NEXT TIME:

THE  
DOCTOR IS

**IN!**





# SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Sonic fans!  
No letters this issue  
because we have a very  
special message from writer  
**Ian Flynn!** Shout out to Ian

Flynn, Evan Stanley, Matt Herms  
and Tyson Hesse for their amazing work  
on Tangle's debut issue! AND, we have a ton  
of fan art of everyone's new favorite lemur!  
Check it out!



Art by Airelle Martinez (SonicSis)



Art by Nicole Righton



Art by Nadja Omerovic



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-Joe Hughes and David Mariotte



Art by Deven Harris



Art by Mauro Fonseca (The KKM)

Hello Sonic Fans!

Here we are at the end of an unprecedented four week mad dash of Sonic! I had a blast writing it all, and my hat's off to the phenomenal production team that pulled off a monthly endeavor four times over. It'll make the regular once-a-month feel boring, right guys? ...guys? Tough crowd—moving on!

I hope you all have enjoyed our first four issues into Sonic's brand new comic adventures! I'm so excited for you to see what we have in store for the long run—pun unapologetically intended. It's going to be great to see some fan-favorites show up, and we've got some new faces who will spice things up as well! And! AND! I can barely contain my excitement, but I don't want to spoil it for you either.

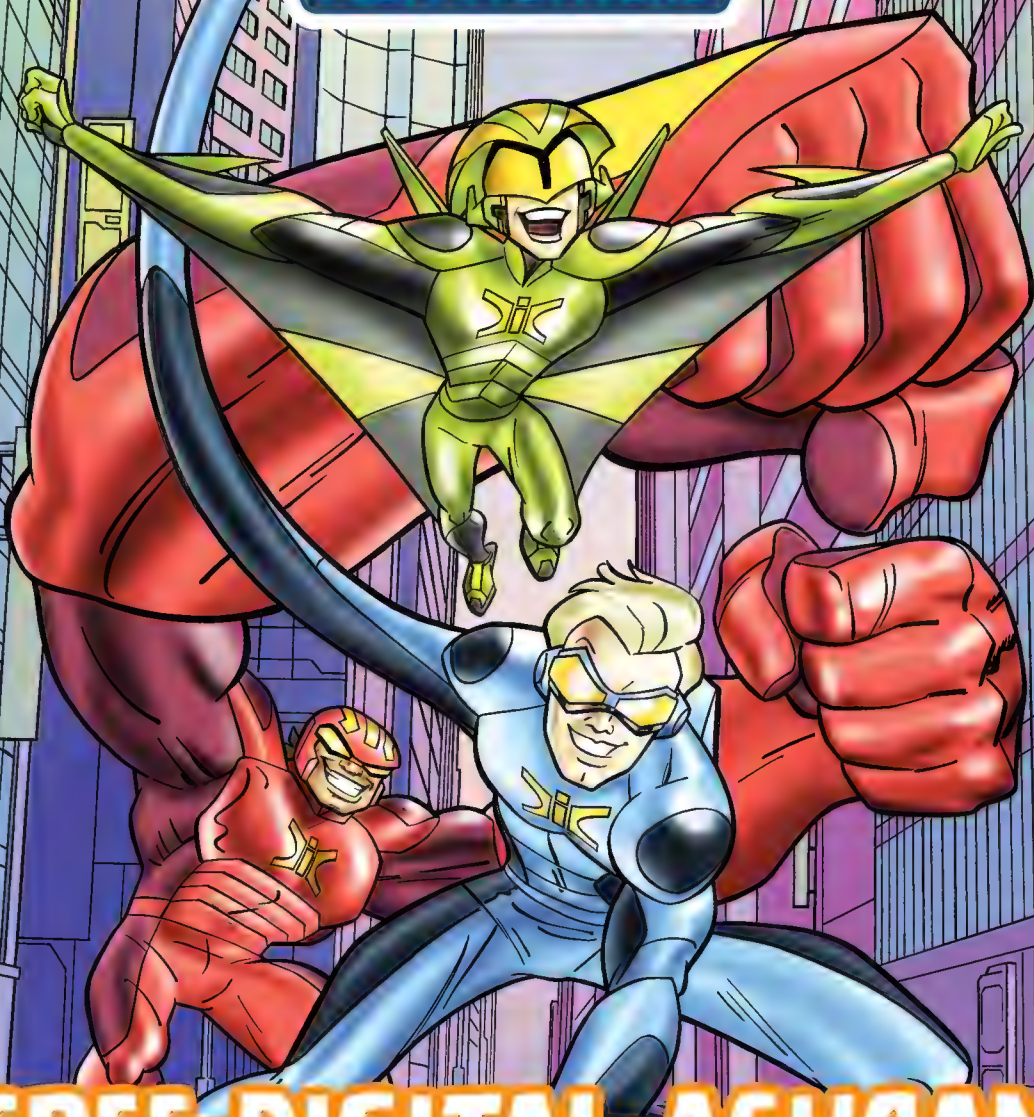
As a life-long Sonic fan—and what feels like a lifetime spent writing the little blue hedgehog—you have my sincerest thanks for reading and supporting us as we get this new series underway. I couldn't be happier returning to Sonic's world, and I hope you enjoy it enough to stay with us for a long, long time.

Cheers,  
Ian Flynn



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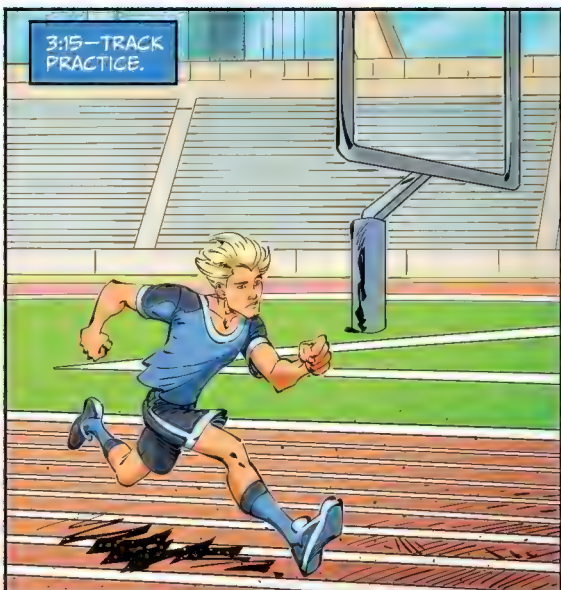
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...DEFENDING CHARTER CITY FROM  
A GIANT MONSTER ATTACK!

UGH... WHY'D IT  
HAVE TO BE A BUG  
MONSTER?! WITH ITS  
THORAX AND ITS  
MOUTHPARTS—SO  
REPULSIVE!

NATHAN PARK, AKA WINGSPAN...  
MY BEST FRIEND

WHATEVER, DUDE.  
MOUTHPARTS ARE WAY  
COOL. LET'S CALL THIS  
THING: "THE MANTOID..."  
GREAT NAME, OR  
GREATEST NAME?

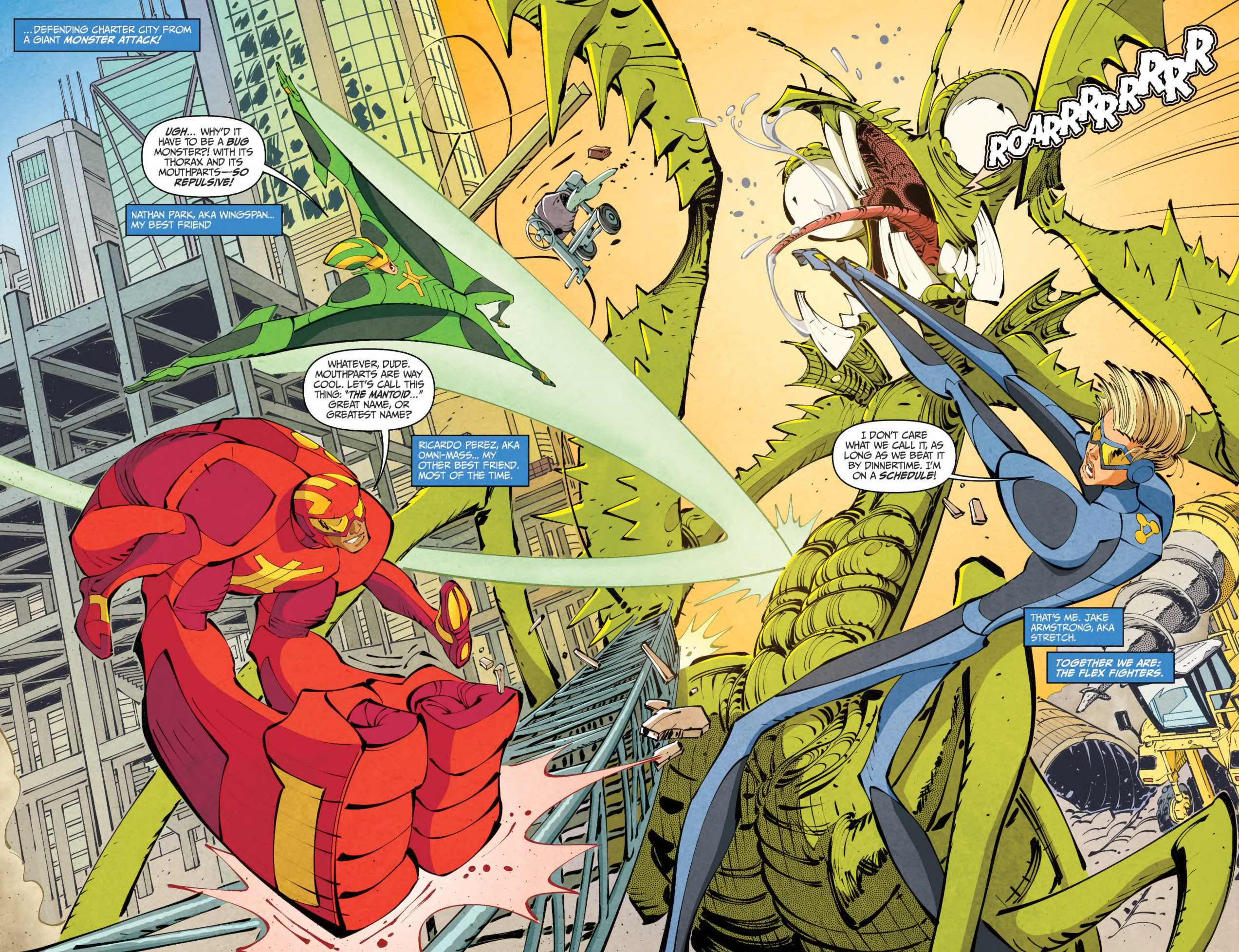
RICARDO PEREZ, AKA  
OMNI-MASS... MY  
OTHER BEST FRIEND.  
MOST OF THE TIME.

I DON'T CARE  
WHAT WE CALL IT, AS  
LONG AS WE BEAT IT  
BY DINNERTIME. I'M  
ON A SCHEDULE!

THAT'S ME. JAKE  
ARMSTRONG, AKA  
STRETCH.

TOGETHER WE ARE:  
THE FLEX FIGHTERS.

ROARRRRRRRR







## **“BEHOLD, THE MANTOID! - PART 1”**

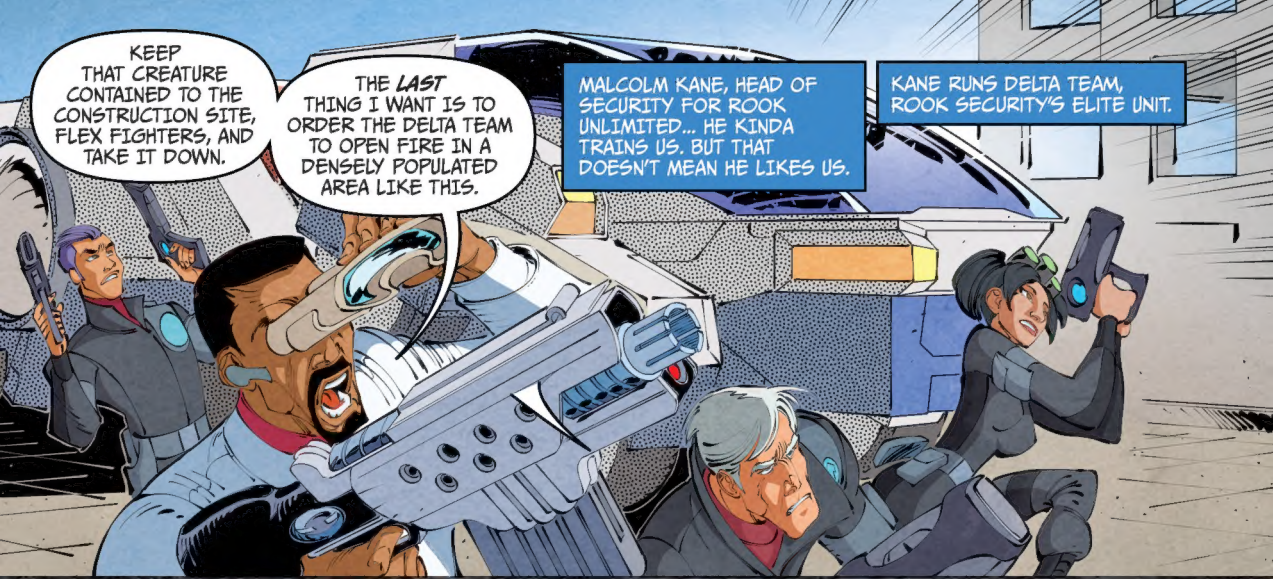
**WHEN HIGH-SCHOOLER JAKE ARMSTRONG AND HIS TWO BEST FRIENDS NATHAN PARK AND RICARDO PEREZ WERE ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSED TO AN EXPERIMENTAL CHEMICAL CALLED FLEXARIUM, THEY DEVELOPED INCREDIBLE POWERS THAT WOULD CHANGE THEIR LIVES FOREVER.**

**SPONSORED BY ROOK UNLIMITED, THE BIGGEST TECH COMPANY IN THE WORLD, STRETCH, WINGSPAN AND OMNI-MASS ARE NOW A TEAM OF TEENAGE SUPERHEROES CALLED... THE FLEX FIGHTERS, PROTECTING THEIR HOMETOWN, CHARTER CITY, FROM ANY AND EVERY THREAT.**

**KEEPING THEIR IDENTITIES SECRET, THE THREE FRIENDS TRY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL LIVES, BUT WHEN THE CITY NEEDS THEM, THE FLEX FIGHTERS ARE THERE!**







KEEP THAT CREATURE CONTAINED TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, FLEX FIGHTERS, AND TAKE IT DOWN.

THE **LAST** THING I WANT IS TO ORDER THE DELTA TEAM TO OPEN FIRE IN A DENSELY POPULATED AREA LIKE THIS.

MALCOLM KANE, HEAD OF SECURITY FOR ROOK UNLIMITED... HE KINDA TRAINS US. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE LIKES US.

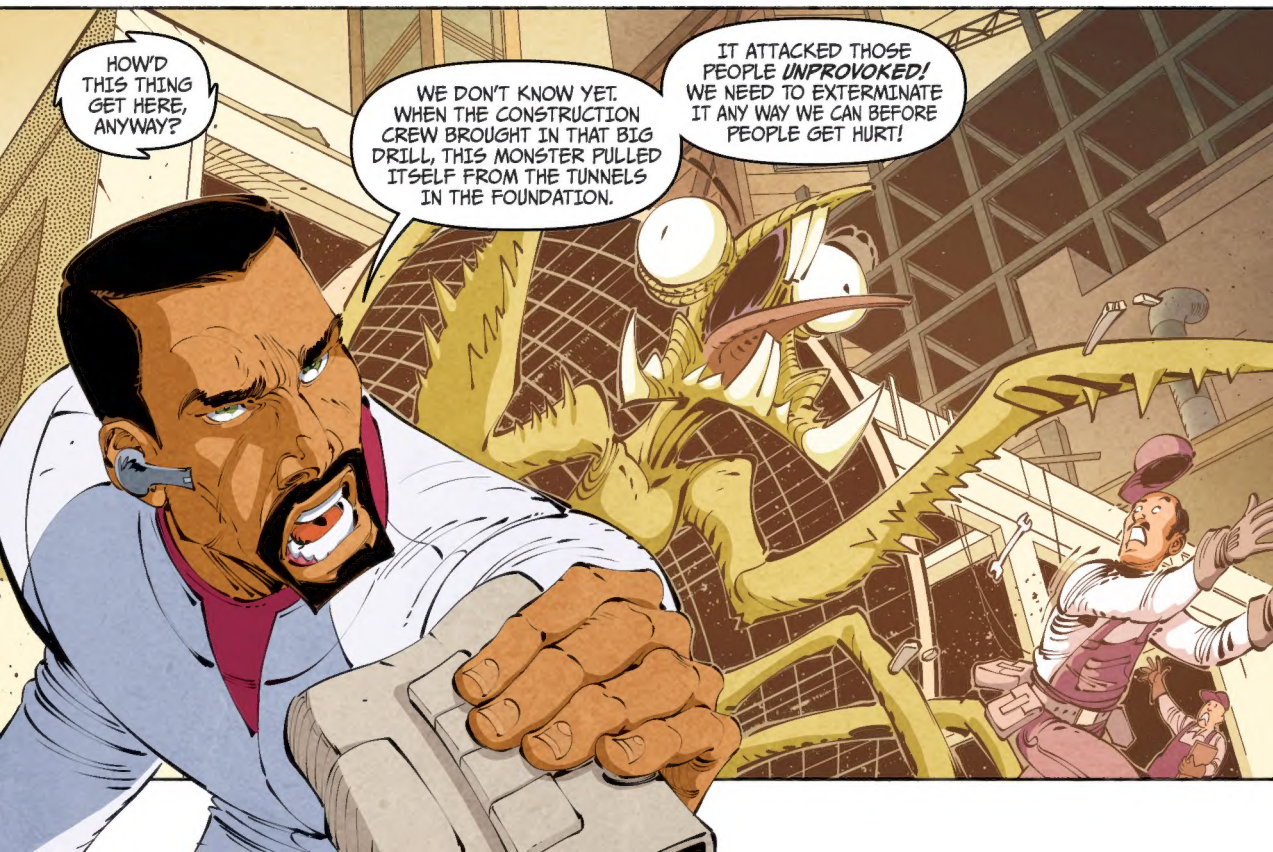
KANE RUNS DELTA TEAM, ROOK SECURITY'S ELITE UNIT.



YEAH, EASIER SAID THAN DONE! ITS SKIN IS LIKE ARMOR!

OH, MAN... IT'S AN "EXTERNAL SKELETON" THAT IT CAN SHED, OR "MOLT"... **SO GROSS!**

FOR SOMEONE WHO HATES BUGS, YOU KNOW **A LOT** ABOUT BUGS.



HOW'D THIS THING GET HERE, ANYWAY?

WE DON'T KNOW YET. WHEN THE CONSTRUCTION CREW BROUGHT IN THAT BIG DRILL, THIS MONSTER PULLED ITSELF FROM THE TUNNELS IN THE FOUNDATION.

IT ATTACKED THOSE PEOPLE **UNPROVOKED!** WE NEED TO EXTERMINATE IT ANY WAY WE CAN BEFORE PEOPLE GET HURT!



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